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Applying:

All potential participants must submit an application prior to being considered for the program. Due to such enthusiastic citizen response to the program, applicants are encouraged to apply early! Applications are available on-line or may be obtained through the program coordinator at the listed number.

Qualifications:

Admission to the program is open to anyone who is at least **18 years of age** or older, has a good standing in the community and is a resident of the City of San Antonio.

Further consideration is given to applicants who pass a thorough background investigation.

For More Information:

For more information on class schedules or for an application visit our web-site or contact the program coordinator during regular business hours (7:45 am—4:30 pm) at:

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San Antonio Police Department Training Center

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MISSION STATEMENT

*An Organization of Value-Oriented People
Reflective of Our Diversity
Dedicated to Serving the Community
With Integrity, Honor and Fairness
That All may know Justice, Equality And
Freedom Under the Law.*

*Albert A. Ortiz
Chief of Police*



San Antonio Police Department

Citizen Police Academy



**Promoting Community
Awareness Through Citizen
Participation**

Citizen Police Academy



The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) was introduced in March of 1994 in order to educate San Antonio citizens about the structure and activities of their police department. While the CPA class is not a “training class”, it is an exciting opportunity to gather “information” while providing a behind-the-scenes look at the various functions within the San Antonio Police Department.

Our program operates on the premise that informed educated citizens will be more supportive of police officers and the department. Additionally, those completing the program have the potential of becoming more productive within their own neighborhoods and communities.

During the program classroom presentations, lectures, “hands-on” experiences combined with field trips, offer participants valuable insight into the operations of the San Antonio Police Department. These experiences along with the two-way communication established, furthers our effort in improving the quality of life for residential and business communities throughout the city!

Course Objectives

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to build a bond of mutual trust and respect between the Police Department and our neighborhoods. Additionally, the academy highlights the importance of citizen participation in public safety, so that we as a community may remain free from the fear of crime.

Field Trips

Class members attend tours of the San Antonio Police Department Headquarters and substations. Participants also observe intense training requirements for police cadets and annual in-service training for veteran officers. A one shift ride-along with a patrol officer provides insight into a “Day in the Life of a San Antonio Police Officer”.

Class Topics

Experienced police officers and instructors offer briefings, demonstrations, and engage in frank discussions about police operations with class participants. Topics covered during class include overviews of our department structure, information on police recruiting and training and hands-on workshops in various areas. Some of the areas explored include, but are not limited to:

- Accident Investigation
- Bomb Squad
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Investigations
- Crisis Negotiations
- Driving Simulator
- Firearms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.)
- Firearms Training
- Homicide
- K-9 Unit
- Police Dispatch Services
- S.A.F.F.E./Cellular on Patrol
- Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)
- Vice/Internet Crimes



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Class Schedule

This eleven week voluntary course is offered four times per year. Participants meet one night per week, generally on Tuesday's from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the San Antonio Police Training (12200 SE Loop 410)

Class meetings are subject to change. For the most current information on classes schedules visit our web-site.



Graduation

Citizens successfully completing the CPA program receive a Certificate of Completion. Each graduate is then eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).

CPAAA members meet bi-monthly to discuss on-going operations and needs within the department. Based on those needs, CPAAA members are given an opportunity to volunteer their services towards specified projects.